

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:294
ANSWERED ON:21.12.2004
ATROCITIES ON MINORITIES
Owaisi Shri Asaduddin

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the atrocities on minorities reported in various States during 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 till date, State-wise;
- (b) the details of life and property lost/damaged in each incident;
- (c) whether the Government has identified the elements/organizations responsible for these incidents;
- (d) if so, the details in this regard and instructions issued to the State Governments in the matter; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Union Government to provide protection to minorities and promote communal harmony in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 294 FOR 21.12.2004 REGARDING 'ATROCITIES ON MINORITIES'.

(a) to (e) : As per available information, the number of communal incidents and the number of persons killed and injured therein during the years 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004 (upto 30th September), State-wise in the Annexure.

Under the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution, Police and Public Order are State subjects. Details in respect of property lost/damaged under each communal incident are therefore not maintained by the Government of India and are not readily available.

Apart from the various Constitutional and legal provisions as well as various institutional mechanisms established for protection of the rights of the minorities in the country, the Union Government has also taken a variety of administrative measures and promotional efforts in this regard. These include constant review of the communal situation in the country, maintaining a continuous watch over the activities of organizations having a bearing on peace and communal harmony, sending alert messages, sharing of information, sending Central Para-Military forces to the States on the specific request of the concerned State Government(s), assistance in the modernization of the State Police Forces etc. The Union Government has also issued to all the States/Union Territories comprehensive guidelines to promote communal harmony. These guidelines contain steps to be taken with regard to prevention of communal riots, provision for relief/rehabilitation to the victims, effective utilization of Peace Committee mechanisms in defusing communal tension, restoration of normalcy in the affected areas etc. The promotional efforts include providing grants for organizations engaged in activities promoting communal harmony, annual Communal Harmony Awards and Kabir Puraskar and observance of Quami Ekta Week.

The Government has also taken new initiatives to provide protection to minorities and to promote communal harmony in the country. These steps include granting of Constitutional Status to the National Commission for Minorities and constitution of the National Monitoring Committee for Minorities' Education.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT SHOWING COMMUNAL INCIDENTS, NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED/INJURED DURING THE YEARS 2001, 2002, 2003 AND 2004(UPTO SEPTEMBER)

Name of the State 2001 2002 2003 2004 (upto September)

	Inci-	Killed	Injured	Inci-	Killed	Injured	Inci-	Killed	Injured	Inci-	Killed	Injured
	dents	dents	dents	dents	dents	dents	dents	dents	dents	dents	dents	dents

A & N Island	1	0	0	1	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Andhra Pradesh	17	1	37	16	3	20	18	8	71	6	1	32
Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assam	5	4	27	2	0	0	2	2	-	2	-	1
Bihar	62	36	98	50	22	72	63	32	144	31	17	76
Chandigarh	1	0	0	1	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chattisgarh	5	1	0	0	0	0	4	1	2	1	-	-
Delhi	15	2	21	5	0	23	3	1	11	2	-	7
D & Nagar Haveli	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Daman & Diu	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Goa	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	-
Gujarat	79	19	202	135	977	2378	133	20	392	78	14	196
Haryana	2	1	2	2	0	4	1	-	-	1	-	-
Himachal Pradesh	5	1	12	2	0	0	1	-	7	-	-	-
J & K	4	2	7	1	0	0	1	-	12	-	-	-
Jharkhand	15	6	26	12	6	69	14	10	41	8	-	21
Karnataka	81	13	312	103	13	331	64	9	260	56	6	223
Kerala	33	1	76	16	6	48	32	11	71	19	2	50
Lakshdweep	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Madhya Pradesh	59	12	156	39	10	59	56	18	142	55	12	225
Maharashtra	119	28	603	95	42	752	125	12	578	74	10	25
Manipur	2	3	1	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meghalaya	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mizoram	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nagaland	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Orissa	47	4	48	36	3	75	26	4	73	17	1	6
Pondicherry	1	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Punjab	10	0	9	1	0	0	1	-	-	1	-	4
Rajasthan	65	14	186	61	11	253	34	9	62	25	4	92
Sikkim	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tamilnadu	58	8	102	42	5	54	22	3	30	6	-	7
Tripura	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	1	-	-
Uttaranchal	2	2	11	3	0	5	7	4	4	1	-	-
Uttar Pradesh	105	51	337	85	29	176	91	47	331	91	29	351
West Bengal	29	12	108	14	3	56	15	2	30	8	1	78